

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings replace the replacement drawings submitted on January 20, 2005 and include changes to Figures 2, 5, 6 and 7 that return these drawings to the same form as the original drawings that were filed with the present application.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets 2/7, 5/7, 6/7 and 7/7

REMARKS

The Official Action objects to the Amendment dated January 20, 2005 for introducing new matter. Although expressly not agreeing with the assertion that the prior amendments to the specification and the drawings constituted new matter, the specification is amended and replacement drawings are submitted that return the specification and drawings to the same form as they were upon filing the application. In this regard, the specification has now been amended to delete the new reference numerals inserted by the prior Amendment. Moreover, replacement drawings for Figures 2, 5, 6 and 7 are submitted which remove the details added by the prior set of replacement drawings. As such, the replacement drawings for Figures 2, 5, 6 and 7 that are submitted herewith are identical to the original drawings. Since the amendments to the specification and the submission of the replacement drawings merely return the specification and drawings to the same form as of the time of filing, the amendments to the specification and the submission of the replacement drawings do not raise new issues and should be substantively considered at this juncture. Accordingly, the objection to the prior Amendment and its additions to the specification and drawings is therefore overcome as the specification and drawings, as currently amended, are identical to the original specification and drawings and, as such, do not contain any new matter.

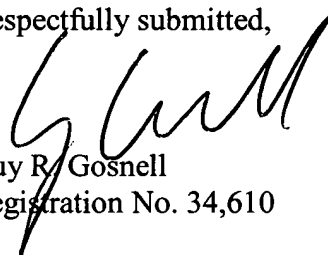
The Official Action also rejects Claims 1-5, 7-9, 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,066,257 to Bynum W. Moller in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,830,113 to Bruce F. Coody, et al. Additionally, Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Moller '257 patent in view of the Coody '113 patent and U.S. Patent No. 5,496,247 to Marlin D. Anderson. Further, Claims 1-13, 17, 25, 26, 29 and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for relying upon subject matter that is not sufficiently enabled by the original application. Although expressly not agreeing with the rejections but, instead, in order to expedite prosecution of the present application, Claims 1-13, 17, 25, 26, 29 and 46 have now been canceled such that these rejections are moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amended specification, the replacement drawings, the amended claims and the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that all rejections have been overcome and that the amended set of claims is in condition for immediate allowance. Applicant therefore requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance at the earliest juncture. If any issues arise during the consideration of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney to expeditiously resolve such issues.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

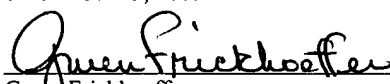

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